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- Monday • Closed
- Tuesday • 10am - 3pm
- Wednesday • 10am - 3pm
- Thursday • 10am - 3pm
- Friday • 10am - 3pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the
month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

Welcome to 2017 everyone! Happy New Year to all, and may this year be full of new family history discoveries for you.

Perhaps these new discoveries will be ably assisted by the new GSQ website, and the services and items you enrol in via it, the books you buy from it, and your continued membership of GSQ that you update through it. Isn't the new website a beauty?? It is a credit to the hard work put in by a very small team of volunteers, chief among which were Cathie Sherwood and her son, Blake. Well done to all who assisted. Of course, we think that just about everyone will like the new site. What do you think of the new logo – different, isn't it?

GSQ has already received many compliments on how nice the site looks and how easy it is to navigate around on. There are still a few more improvements to implement, but they will be introduced as time goes on.

Of course, there have been a few teething issues in the past weeks since the site went live, but that is to be expected. We did not really think that we would get away with none. We may have hoped to, but didn't expect to. No problem yet has been severe enough to force the site to go offline for repair. This is another milestone, in itself.

Over half of GSQ members have already logged onto the site and changed or updated their details. I have, and now have a password I can remember. Have you done so yet?

One item that has been made easier with the new website is access to the GSQ Blog. Did you know that GSQ had its own Blog? You can now access it right from the Home page. Just scroll down the page a bit and you will see the Blog Card in the bottom right of the page. Click on the black title bar that turns orange when you hover the mouse pointer over it and you will go to the Blog page where many interesting posts can be found. And they go back to mid-2014! Lots of reading there, eh?

Turning to other matters. This eNews has been delivered to you via a different method. GSQ is now using ReachMail for the delivery of eNews. This is because our monthly newsletter is now free to everyone – GSQ members and non-members alike. Non GSQ members will soon be able to sign up to receive eNews right from the Home page on the website. It is hoped that this method will help grow awareness of GSQ and what it has to offer family historians generally. Past members will also be on the list, and may in time be attracted back to the society.

The new monthly Wednesday Night Talks programme started well this week with some 24 people in attendance to hear Eric Kopittke speak on German Immigration. This is an auspicious start for a lecture series aimed at continuing the Monday night talks provided previously by Southern Suburbs branch.

Lastly, to check what is happening in the way of upcoming courses and talks at GSQ, simply log onto the website at www.gsq.org.au and click the Events button on the menu bar. This will take you to the Events calendar which lists everything happening for the current month. You can click onto coming months via the arrow buttons in the top left corner – you plan your family history activities for the entire year.

One last thing to tell you about – the 2017 Family and Local History conference is on at Southport on the Gold Coast from 19-21 May 2017. The website is at www.footstepsintime2017.com.au - check it out for further info.

Geoff Doherty
president@gsq.org.au



Redlands

The Redland Genealogical Society will conduct its first meeting for 2017 on Wednesday, 8 February at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm..

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Dawn Montgomery with a presentation on Billy Blue, one of Sydney's eccentrics (and someone of great interest to Dawn).

All welcome . \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize.



Stories are urgently wanted for the March edition of Generation. Any story about an ancestor, something you found unexpectedly, a brick wall you solved and how you did it, or an unexpected resource you found. Members are always interested in the above.

Please send copy to editor@gsq.org.au by February 14. We hope to hear from you.

North Brisbane

The North Brisbane Branch of GSQ holds its meetings on the first Friday morning of each month (except January) at the Brisbane North Area Scouting Centre at 23 Sicklefield Street Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

North Brisbane Members are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs for a small fee.

The first meeting for 2017 will be held on Friday February 3rd.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Beaudesert

Meetings are held at our rooms 15A William Street, Beaudesert, on 4th Wednesday of each month, commencing at 10.00am.

The library is open each Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The next meeting is 22nd February 2017.



Did you know that GSQ now has a Wednesday night lecture series? Yes, on the 4th Wednesday night of the month there will be a free (gold coin donation) lecture at Wishart from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm. This has been by popular demand as members missed the Southern Suburbs talks.

The next talk is on **Wednesday 22nd** about the *Harry Gentle Resource Centre, Griffith University* by *Lee Butterworth*.

No need to book just come along, the library is open from 6:00pm.

Experienced researcher and tutor, Les McFadzen, will conduct his next course of Genealogy lessons, commencing on Wednesday, 1 February, 9.00am – 11.00am at the Redland RSL, corner of Middle and Passage Streets, Cleveland. The course consists of 10 lessons on a variety of subjects to be conducted on consecutive Wednesdays. The cost for each lesson is \$5.00. To book a place in the Course, contact Les on 3824 0825 or email him at mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Wynnum	Finding Grandma	Monday, 6 February	1-3pm	3403 2199
Nundah	Irish Immigration – why they left Ireland and where they went"	Saturday, 4 March	1:30-3pm	3407 8701
Kenmore	Using newspapers for family history	Thursday, 13 March	5:30-7:30pm	3407 0258
Corinda	Queensland Family History online	Thursday, 27 April	2pm to 4pm	3407 7701
Garden City	Exploring Ancestry.com	Saturday, 6 May	10:00am -12 noon	3403 7745
Nundah	Family History in Action: Tracing John Petrie the first mayor of Brisbane	Saturday, 13 May	1pm to 3pm	3407 8701
Toowong	Choosing a family tree program	Friday, 26 May	12:30-14:30	3403 2590

Convict Connections Group

Come along and join us on Sunday 12th February, 2017 for our first meeting of the year.

Everyone is welcome as no doubt we are all interested in our early Colonial history.

This meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Group and we will be looking for members who have just a little time to help out. The Group meets the second Sunday of the 'even' months with minimal formality.

Special Interest groups like 'Convict' are there to help members of GSQ in their Colonial research and to highlight the resources at GSQ which are not freely available on the net.

Doors open at 9:00am. Meeting will be held at 11:00am. Hope to see you there.

DNA Interest Group

The next DNA Group will be on Sunday 19 March from 9:30 to 12 noon.

The topic for discussion will be advised in the March eNews.

Joan Reese Memorial Writing Competition

The topic for 2017 is a short story from your family history research titled "*The ancestor I'd most like to meet and why*". You may supplement your story with a photo, and any other relevant material.

The prize is a one-year single membership subscription to GSQ

Closing date for entries: **Monday 15 May 2017**. No entries will be received after this date. Enquiries may be directed to GSQ Writing Group Convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com.

Monday Morning Natters

February Natters is on Monday 6th February 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Bring along a photo of a headstone to talk about what you've gained from it. Also, how to find cemetery websites.

All welcome, come along and share a cuppa and a chat with fellow family historians. Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

Bookings are essential for all GSQ education sessions and courses.

Use the website, www.gsq.org.au and click on the Events button on the menu bar Alternatively send a cheque to GSQ at PO Box 1467, Carindale, Q4152 or call in at Stackpole Street. Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3349 6072 for further information.

Note: There is onsite parking available at the venue.

Saturday 25 February • 9.00am - 11.30 pm

Book Now!

My Ancestor was in Queensland

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: *Helen Smith*

Join Helen for tips on how to find out more information about your Queensland ancestors.

Cost: Member \$25 Non-member \$35
(includes morning tea)

Sunday 26 February • 9.00am - 12.30 pm

Book Now!

Introduction to Family History

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: *Janice Wellard*

GSQ's flagship course—*Introduction to Family History* — is a half day course that provides participants with the foundations for undertaking their own research into their family history.

Cost: Member \$35 Non-member \$45
(includes morning tea)

Saturday 4 March • 9.00am - 11.30 pm

Save the Date!

Treasures in the GSQ Library

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: *Elaine Lucas*

Join Elaine for an informative morning discovering the hidden treasures in the GSQ library.

Cost: Member \$25 Non-member \$35
(includes morning tea)

Monday 6 March • 2.00pm - 4.30 pm

Save the Date!

Hands on Ancestry

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: *Judy Lofthouse*

Places are strictly limited in this hands-on course with Ancestry.

Cost: Member \$25 Non-member \$35
(includes morning tea)



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group meets on the first Sunday of even-numbered months. The first meeting of the English/Irish Group for 2017 will be held on Sunday 5th February.

The doors of GSQ will open at 10 o'clock with the meeting itself commencing at 10:30am. The topic for this meeting will be County Leitrim in Ireland. Come along and learn about the various resources available and how to access records in that county. We will also discuss recently released records for England and Ireland – bring along any that you have discovered to share with other group members.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend the Interest Group meetings – we ask for a gold coin donation which is put towards the purchase of resources relevant to English or Irish research.

Following the meeting GSQ will remain open until 2:30 pm for attendees to do their own research. We hope to see you there.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ is on Sunday 5th March when the library will open at 9:30 am.

Our normal meeting beginning at 10:30am will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to catch upon the latest changes to the scotlandspeople website.

On completion of the meeting the library will remain open for research. If possible advise the Group Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda.

Visitors are welcome.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 10:30 am on the 12th March, although the library will be open from 9:00am.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users overcome any FTM problems they may face. All members should have loaded their MacKiev 2014.1 upgrade by then.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). Support for earlier FTM versions is being phased out.

Advance notice to the convenor on mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au of your problem(s) will assist in setting the Agenda.

GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting of the Legacy Users Group will be on the afternoon of Sunday 12 March at 1:00pm.

The topics proposed for discussion include Legacy's approach to Events/Facts and storing your datafile "in the cloud". Members are invited to suggest others. (Remember that there is no question too basic for the group because the answer to your problem will almost certainly open up a discussion of interest to users of all levels of experience).

More details will be sent to those on the mailing list in a direct email. If you are a GSQ member but not yet part of the group, a message to fortiter@live.com.au will get you on that list.

Bob McAllister

German Interest Group

The next meeting is on the 27th March. Stella Brosing is going to help us to practice reading and writing German script.

The Alliance group with Germany is slowly taking shape and i will keep you updated at each stage of the partnership comes together - meanwhile - take a look at the Website - www.germanheritage.org.au - and familiarise yourself with what it has to offer. (German Australian Geanology and History Alliance).

All welcome to the meeting.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 25 March commencing at 10am at the GSQ Research Centre at Wishart.

We are hoping to have an outside speaker but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for the next eNews for an update.

New members are very welcome and light refreshments will be available.

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian Group will have the next meeting on Sunday 19 March at 12:30pm. No Guest speaker this time.

All welcome.

Writing Group

The Writing Group's next meeting is Sunday the 19th February at 10:00am.

Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com to be added to the group's mailing list.

